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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

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SUBJECT : Meeting with Jim Bush of the House  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

1.  OLC, and I had a useful hour with Jim Bush this morning (30 June). What emerged very clearly was the following:

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a. HPSCI as a group is confused about what they call HUMINT. Briefings they have received from the military units sound similar to what they hear from CIA. It sounds as though there is a great deal of duplication.

b. Our terminology is confusing. We are frequently misunderstood because our language is one which they do not fully understand.

c. As Mr. Bush put it, the budgetary allocation for foreign intelligence collection "was allowed to float through the FY 79 markup," even though there was pressure from several HPSCI members to make more cuts in both dollars and personnel in the DDO.

d. The study on DDO foreign intelligence collection, which Mr. Bush and Annette Smiley will write in the November/December period, will have a strong impact on next year's budgetary submission.

2. Mr. Bush went over the materials he has received from us (Focus reports, the NFIP for human resources, DDO objectives, Operating Directives, EPDS customary evaluations and a MODE report from the IC Staff). Mr. Bush was clearly not able at this time to decide what to read first and admitted some confusion as a result of what he had read.

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He was warned to stay away from the MODE paper and it was decided to give him, Mike O'Neil and Annette Smiley a briefing on the structure of the DDO and the workings of a large DDO Station (using [redacted] as an example) on 6 July. Three hours will be allocated for this task.

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3. Mr. Bush ruefully said he had not yet received the HAC S&I report on the DDO. He had been assured that it is coming to him. We recommended that it be read with care once it arrives. Mr. Bush is entirely amenable to a series of tutorial briefings and is fully aware of the problems he faces in assimilating the complex support of foreign intelligence collection.

4. Mr. Bush asked for advice on his trip. His main stops are [redacted] and he wondered where else he could stop in between. It was suggested that he might consider [redacted] as useful stops enroute from [redacted]. We urged him to spend more time in fewer Stations rather than hitting a large number of Stations for his visits. (DDO comment on this itinerary would be particularly welcome.)

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5. On the way back [redacted] said that he felt the meeting had gone well. He added that while HPSCI sees a SIGINT program manager in Adm. Inman, they do not see a similar dominant figure for HUMINT. This is one reason for their confusion. Annette Smiley, who will write the Defense Department portion of the FI study, will also join Mr. Bush and Mike O'Neil on Thursday. I plan to use some of the pie charts for briefing and will get in touch with EA Division to have some back-up on parts of [redacted] today. I am basically familiar with it, having spent ten years there.

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